

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
Final Rules Proposed July 19, 2018; Effective March 11, 2019

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**New Chapter and Rules**

**Title 30 Part 201 Chapter 7: Code of Conduct for Participation as a Member of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture**

*Rule 7.1 Purpose*

To establish a set of principles and practices that will set parameters and provide guidance and direction in the conduct and decision-making of the members of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture (“Board”), the Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee and Interior Design Advisory Committee (collectively “Committees”). Members of the Board and Committees are committed to observing and promoting the highest standards of ethical conduct in the performance of their responsibilities. Each member of the Board and Committees pledges to accept this code as a minimum guideline for ethical conduct.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-1-9*

*Rule 7.2 Legislative Mandate*

Act with the Board’s mission in mind, which is to protect the public’s life, health and property through the regulation of the professions of architecture, landscape architecture and certified interior design.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §§73-1-1, 9*

*Rule 7.3 Responsible Performance*

Perform required duties in a manner that is responsible, professional and timely.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-1-9*

*Rule 7.4 Registration*

Be and remain a registrant in good standing.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-1-9*

*Rule 7.5 Residency*

Remain as a resident of the state for the duration of the term of appointment.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-1-9*

*Rule 7.6 Conflicts of Interest*

Avoid relationships that may interfere with the Board's mission of public protection, and be especially cognizant of conflict-of-interest issues.

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*Rule 7.7 Confidentiality*

Respect and maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information obtained as a result of service to the Board.

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*Rule 7.8 Active Participation in Board Activities*

Endeavor to attend and participate in Board and Committee meetings, avoiding absences as much as is possible.

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*Rule 7.9 Representation of the Board When Involved in Outside Activities*

When attending meetings and conferences as a representative of the Board, endeavor to attend and participate in all relevant sessions, and to represent the Board and Committees in a professional manner.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-1-9*

*Rule 7.10 Adherence to State Agency Laws*

Abide by the laws of the state relevant to appointment to the Board or Committees and the proceedings thereunder.

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*Rule 7.11 Participation in Professional Organizations*

Not serve as a voting member on the governing board of a Mississippi or national professional association if such position or organization presents a conflict of interest, if the Board determines that such position or organization presents a conflict of interest. Any member serving as a voting member of an association, shall, if a conflict of interest arises, recuse himself or herself from voting on the matter on behalf of the association.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-1-9*

*Rule 7.12 Abuse of Power*

Not misuse the position to obtain, or attempt to obtain, any financial or material gain, or any advantage personally or for another, through the office.

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*Rule 7.13 Adherence to Criminal Laws*

Not be convicted of a felony while serving as a member.

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*Rule 7.14 Failure to Comply and Removal*

If a member determines that he or she cannot abide by or has not abided by these requirements, the member shall voluntarily resign the member's position by written letter to the Governor, with a copy to the Board's Executive Director. Alternatively, the Board or Committees may, after appropriate action in an official Board meeting, submit a request to the Governor to remove and replace a member who fails to abide by this Code of Conduct or, who, by other means, demonstrates inefficiency, neglect of duty or dishonorable conduct.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §§73-1-5, 9*

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